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The following is a summary of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for 24-26 August 1951.

1. Pol Dasht
26 August.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two passenger and freight trains.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 11 cars carrying 500 armed soldiers, and four cars carrying 11 105 mm anti-aircraft and four heavy machine guns.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzghulfa:
Two passenger and freight trains carrying normal
cargo and oil.

2. Moghan Steppe
24 August

The Soviets are changing the members of frontier posts in this area.

3. Astara
24 August

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Ten trucks carrying flour, barbed wire, and telegraph wire; 20 armed soldiers.

westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh:
Nine trucks carrying canned foodstuffs; six carts
carrying logs, furniture, and flour.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara:
Five trucks carrying 28 armed soldiers.

westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Four jeeps carrying barbed wire; 31 armed soldiers; two officers.

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Astara continued-

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Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Nine carts carrying logs and flour; three tractors; ten soldiers carrying shovels.

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Eleven trucks carrying civilians, flour, and wood.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Ten trucks carrying wood and boxes; nine carts carrying 23 armed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Seven trucks carrying wood; nine armed soldiers; four carts.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Six trucks carrying 12 armed soldiers, flour, and logs; three carts carrying 11 armed soldiers and six civilians.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One auto carrying two officers.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Six trucks carrying flour, logs, and wood.

26 August

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Twenty-three trucks carrying, flour, wood, logs, and iron barrels; 14 carts carrying two civilians, telegraph poles, and wire; 30 armed soldiers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Fourteen trucks carrying flour, logs, and furniture; six carts carrying doors and windows; 12 civilians.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Eleven trucks carrying barrels, flour, and logs.

4. Lutfabad
24 August

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Six trains composed of 139 passenger cars, of which 36 carried armed soldiers.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Five freight trains partially composed of tank cars and cars carrying rails, and 30 cars carrying civilians.

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East and westbound rail traffic between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Five trains of unknown make-up.

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